

**“K” DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION****OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT
PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS****K Division – 2022/02/06 12:00 Update****COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION****BACKGROUND**

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. The intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

- There are at least four events planned for today in K Division.
- The following detachments may be impacted by these events:
 - Milk River
 - Okotoks
 - Cochrane
 - Airdrie

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

Updates appear in **GREEN**

Sit Reps appear in **BLUE**

COUTTS BORDER PROTEST

Protesters at Coutts and Milk River have continued to post on social media, sometimes with live video. There are also multiple callouts for additional support at Coutts Border Crossing and for additional supplies.

“**Personal**” observed that RCMP members were recording license plates at Coutts on 2022/02/05.

A video was shared to Instagram on 2022/02/04 by user “**Personal**” that showed organizers at Coutts reading demands for rural MLA’s to leave the UCP and become independent.

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Personal Info posted drone footage in AB Coutts Convoy Jan. 29 Facebook group and on his personal page. Personal Info's personal page has a post from 2019 offering aerial footage and stating he just got a "new toy", believed to be referring to a drone. Personal Info is believed to be a realtor in Lethbridge, currently with Personal Info. It is believed he previously worked for the Personal Info. which is the same company Personal Info works for.

On 2022/02/06 at approximately 11:30 AB Coutts Convoy Jan. 29 changed from a public Facebook group to a private group.

There were multiple tweets stating that the group at Coutts is continuing to grow.

COUTTS HORSEBACK RIDERS

Facebook Group "Alberta (Coutts) Freedom Horseback Riders 2022" planned an event on 2022/02/05 to attend the Milk River Barricade and the Coutts Border Crossing. Additional posts located refer to using horseback riders to bypass the blockades, bring supplies to people currently there, etc. Approximately 400 horseback riders attended Coutts Border Crossing.

Post also located on "Alberta (Coutts) Freedom Horseback Riders 2022" identifying hotels where RCMP members are staying. Post located calling for assistance to shut down. The meeting place was identified as the area of the Sandstone Gas Plus in Milk River.

Images and videos of the horses at the border crossing are being widely shared and appear to be gathering attention. There has been no mention of another planned event.

ALBERTA WIDE "SLOW ROLLS" AND CONVOYS

Numerous "Slow Roll" events in protest of the current mandates and/or in support of the Trucker Convoys have been occurring throughout the province.

Provost RCMP made contact with a group planning to convoy around the town at 12:00 on 2022/02/05 and 2022/02/06. This convoy will remain local and will end at Crescent Point Place to go skating.

Personal Info. posted a video stating he is driving back to Coutts from Edmonton. He states that the plan is for protesters to spread out across Alberta in case demands are not met. He states that protesters should set up choke points and 'cut Alberta off'.



FREEDOM SECOND WAVE

Facebook user "[Personal]" indicated that "Freedom's Second Wave" would be departing Calgary for Ottawa at 10:00 on 2022/02/06. [Person] was a Maverick Party candidate in 2021. The starting point is the Flying J Travel Centre, 11511 40 St. SE, Calgary, AB.

FOOTHILLS FREEDOM RALLY

Facebook page Foothills Freedom Rally is promoting a convoy and protest on February 6, 2022.

The convoy is planning to meet at 11:45 at Dawgs Stadium and have a slow roll around Okotoks then gather at the Okotoks Towne Plaza for a protest.

The Facebook event states [Personal Info.] are attending. [Personal] confirmed his attendance on Facebook. The Facebook event has 26 people who responded as "Going" and 29 people who responded as "Interested".

AIRDRIE SPEAKERS CORNER

Facebook Page Airdrie Speakers corner is promoting an event on 2022/02/06 from 13:00-15:00 at the Coop on Yankee Blvd.

STAND FOR FREEDOM

There is an event titled "Cochrane Unite! Stand for Freedom" posted in the Calgary Freedom Central Facebook group. This event is planned for 2022/02/06 at Centennial Plaza, 1st Street from 14:00-15:00.

MISCELLANEOUS

On 2022/02/04, Alberta Health Services requested assistance from the Sylvan Lake RCMP with serving a notice for Restriction Exemption Program (REP) compliance to the Fireside Restaurant. Fireside has been allowed to continue operating if they remain in compliance with current mandates and was ordered to remove social media advertising that they will not enforce the REP.



LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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